

WEST KENDALL SECTION 1 MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY – MAY 20, 2015

A meeting of the West Kendall Section 1 Municipal Advisory Committee took place on May 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Zelda Glazer Middle School, 15015 SW 24th Street, Miami, FL 33185.

1. Call to Order – 6:35 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Introductions
 - Raul Pino, Chair
 - Libby Perez, Vice Chair
 - Erika Gonzalez Santamaria, Secretary
 - Monica Colucci (Absent)
 - Enrique Piniero
 - Jose Luis Rodriguez
 - Wilson Cristancho

Staff Present – Jorge Fernandez, Management and Budget and Gigi Bolt, Management and Budget

3. Approval of Agenda

Committee Member Piniero moved to approve the agenda as presented. Committee Member Rodriguez seconded the motion which was carried 6-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Members Piniero, Rodriguez, Cristancho, and Secretary Santamaria, Vice Chair Perez, Chairperson Pino voting Yes; Member Colucci was absent.

4. Public Comment

Chairperson Pino opened the floor for Public Comment and there were no speakers at this time.

5. Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2015

Vice Chair Perez moved to approve the minutes as written. Committee Member Rodriguez seconded the motion which was carried 6-0 on voice vote. The vote was as follows: Members Piniero, Rodriguez, Cristancho, and Secretary Santamaria, Vice Chair Perez, Chairperson Pino voting Yes; Member Colucci was absent.

6. Presentations

Mr. Steven Alexander, of the City of South Miami, discussed the benefits of incorporating. He stated that he was the first City Manager for the Town of Cutler Bay and assisted in the transition from the County to City. He referred to the many challenges that the new city faced and overcame. He stressed the importance of building and continuing to develop a strong relationship with County. He also explained the importance of hiring a knowledgeable staff and indicated that the newly incorporated Cutler Bay ran with twenty-nine employees not including Police. He also stated that it was very important to have the right commanding Police staff to achieve the same goals as administration and the community. He discussed the various departments that needed to be created and managed. He concluded that developing an identity and culture is the most challenging yet the most rewarding.

Chairperson Pino opened the floor for Public Comment. Several members of the audience addressed the Committee and raised various issues and concerns. The comments provided by the public covered the following areas:

- An inquiry on outsourcing versus hiring employees
- An inquiry on millage values before and after incorporation
- Question on PTP funding
- A question on the election process for local elected officials

7. New Business

Mr. Fernandez, Management and Budget, gave an update on the Pro-Forma Budget process and his recent meeting with Committee Member Cristancho. He also provided a timeline for the development of a city charter.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Zelda Glazer Middle School.

9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.